

II. Claim 46, drawn to a method for processing a plurality of substrates, classified in class 438, subclass 680.

The Examiner states that Group I and Group II are related as an apparatus for performing a process and a method for processing. Group I is asserted to be distinct from Group II as having separate utility, "since an apparatus of Group I invention could be made by a product different from those of the Group II invention."

The Applicant elects claims 1-45, 47-58 without traverse and cancels claim 46 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,



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